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SUFFRAGETTES MEET AGAIN.

Suffragettes gather again at Oaxton Hall. Miss Mary Richardson proudly wears the medals which tell how, in an effort to win the emancipation of women she went on hunger strike and was forcibly fed. Miss Eileen Casey chats with the Reverend Hankinson who visited suffragettes in jail. The get together is to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the movement. Miss Lilian Lenton(second from left) went to jail six times. To the present generation it seems almost unbelievable that women should have been so underprivileged only 50 years ago. That it is so incredible is a tribute to the sacrifices of the suffragette pioneers.

Mr. Arthur Barrett shows how he took a photograph of three suffragettes being sentenced to prison. A camera concealed in his top hat took the picture. Mr. Barrett shows the hole he made in the hat through which the lens was pointed. The picture was printed on the front page of a daily newspaper. Miss Christobel Pankhurst is on the left. Christobels famous mother, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, was filmed by a Pathe cameraman in 1914 when she was arrested with many followers outside Buckingham Palace.

Today a statue stands in memory of Mrs. Pankhurst at Westminster. The noble work she did has long been recognised by the nation and indeed the world. It is through her and those like her that the women of today possess the right to vote, the right to equality and the fight to freedom. The world can offer no more priceless possession.